

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

[s00680.hms]

BILL: CS/CS/CS/SB 680

INTRODUCER: Rules; Commerce and Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources; and Senators Hutson, Gruters, Stewart, and Book

SUBJECT: Shark Fins

DATE: March 9, 2020

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 653561 (body with title)

House Amendment 2 – 086459 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 names the bill as the “Kristin Jacobs Ocean Conservation Act.”

House Amendment 2:

- Removes the import of domestically sourced shark fins by any shark fin processor that obtains fins from a wholesale dealer who holds a valid federal Atlantic shark dealer permit on January 1, 2021 from the prohibition’s exceptions.
- Removes the expiration date of the listed exceptions.
- Adds additional language to allow the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to review and include any other information in its report that is not explicitly required if it believes it is relevant to the management of shark fisheries.
- Changes the due date of the study’s findings from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2021.
- Adds a provision that authorizes the Legislature to ban, based on the findings of FWC’s report, the domestic production of shark fins.